

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:	Chapter 11
THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC., et al. ¹	Case No. 15-23007-rdd
Debtors.	Jointly Administered
THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC., et al., Plaintiff,	
- against -	Adv. Pro. No. 18-8245-rdd
PEPSICO, INC.; BOTTLING GROUP, LLC (d/b/a Pepsi Beverages Company and f/d/b/a The Pepsi Bottling Group); FRITO-LAY NORTH AMERICA, INC.; QUAKER SALES AND DISTRIBUTION, INC.; MULLER QUAKER DAIRY, LLC; STACY'S PITA CHIP COMPANY, INC.; PEPSI BOTTLING GROUP, NJ; and PEPSI USA, Defendants.	

SCHEDULING AND PRETRIAL ORDER

The parties cannot amend this order by stipulation or otherwise, and the Court will not amend it unless presented with (i) proof of cause beyond the control of the party seeking amendment and (ii) timely application as soon as possible after the party seeking amendment learns of the cause. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OR OTHER SANCTION. If delay or other act or omission of your adversary may result in a sanction against you, it is incumbent on you to promptly bring this matter to the Court for relief.

It is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Pursuant to Rule 16(b)(3)(A), the deadline to join other parties or amend the pleadings shall be December 21, 2018.

¹ The Debtors are: 2008 Broadway, Inc.; The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc.; A&P Live Better, LLC; A&P Real Property, LLC; APW Supermarket Corporation; APW Supermarkets, Inc.; Borman's, Inc.; Delaware County Dairies, Inc.; Food Basics, Inc.; Kwik Save Inc.; McLean Avenue Plaza Corp.; Montvale Holdings, Inc.; Montvale-Para Holdings, Inc.; Onpoint, Inc.; Pathmark Stores, Inc.; Plainbridge LLC; Shopwell, Inc.; Super Fresh Food Markets, Inc.; The Old Wine Emporium of Westport, Inc.; Tradewell Foods of Conn., Inc.; and Waldbaum, Inc.

2. All fact discovery shall be completed by August 15, 2019. In the event of a dispute over discovery, the parties' counsel shall promptly confer to attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute. If, notwithstanding their good faith efforts to do so, they are unable to resolve a discovery issue, they shall promptly inform the Court by letter of the nature of the dispute and request a telephonic discovery conference. At the conference, the Court will ask the parties about their prior efforts to resolve the dispute.

3. The parties shall identify expert witnesses and serve the written reports or disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(2)(B)-(C) by August 15, 2019. Expert depositions shall be completed by September 30, 2019.

4. The parties shall identify any rebuttal expert witness who will testify solely in opposition to the experts and opinions disclosed pursuant to Paragraph 3 above, and serve the related written reports or disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(2)(B)-(C), by September 13, 2019.

5. Either or both parties may seek leave under the Local Bankruptcy Rules to move for summary judgment under Rule 56 after completion of discovery and before taking the steps set forth in Paragraphs 6-9 below. If such request is granted, the parties shall schedule the adjourned final pretrial conference to take place approximately one month after the scheduled hearing on summary judgment.

6. The Court will hold a final pretrial conference December 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. (unless a party has previously obtained permission under the Local Bankruptcy Rules to move for summary judgment, which motion shall be heard at that date and time), at which time the parties must be prepared to proceed to trial within two weeks.

7. In advance of the final pretrial conference, the parties shall have conferred and used their best efforts to agree on a joint exhibit book and shall have identified any exhibits whose admissibility is not agreed.

8. In addition, on or before two weeks before the final pretrial conference, the parties shall have exchanged proposed witness lists.

9. On or before one week before the scheduled trial date, the parties shall (a) submit to chambers declarations under penalty of perjury or affidavits of their direct witnesses, who shall be present at trial for cross-examination and redirect, or have sought the Court's permission to examine direct witnesses at trial, and (b) submit to chambers the joint exhibit book referred to in Paragraph 7 hereof.

Dated: October 16, 2018
White Plains, New York

/s/ Robert D. Drain
Honorable Robert D. Drain
United States Bankruptcy Judge